

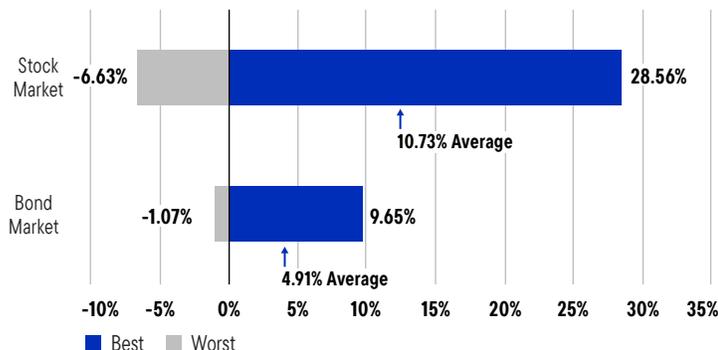
# Western Asset Core Plus Portfolios

A US core bond portfolio with access to sectors such as high-yield, non-US and EM debt.

## A Active management can unlock opportunities within the core bond universe

### Best and Worst 5-Year Rolling Returns

January 1, 1990–December 31, 2025



- In today's unsettled economic environment, core bonds have the potential to provide much-needed stability and serve as a hedge against market volatility.
- While equities have historically delivered higher average returns, they come with greater variability. A diversified approach with actively managed core fixed income investments can help reduce downside risk.
- Yields within active fixed income remain attractive compared to passive fixed income index alternatives.

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## B A well-diversified, active portfolio with a unique structure

Western Asset provides investors with a diversified, value-oriented, tightly controlled portfolio that seeks to exceed benchmark returns while approximating the benchmark's risk.

### Individual Securities

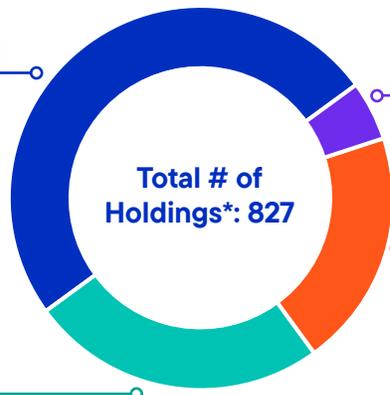
Total # of Holdings: 29

- US treasuries
- Agencies
- Investment-grade corporates
- US treasury inflation protected securities (TIPS)
- Mortgage-backed securities (MBS)
- Cash and cash equivalents

### No-Fee Fund (Core Plus Completion)

Total # of Holdings: 401

- US treasuries and agencies
- Investment-grade corporates
- US treasury inflation protected securities (TIPS)
- Municipals
- Agency and non-agency mortgage-backed securities
- Mortgage pools
- Asset-backed securities
- Commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS)
- Mortgage dollar rolls
- Non-dollar
- US & Non-US High Yield
- Emerging market debt
- Cash and cash equivalents



### No-Fee Fund (Investment-Grade Corporates)

Total # of Holdings: 233

- Investment-grade corporates
- Municipals
- US treasuries
- Cash and cash equivalents

### No-Fee Fund (Mainly Mortgages)

Total # of Holdings: 164

- Agency and non-agency mortgage-backed securities
- Mortgage pools
- Asset-backed securities
- US treasury and agencies
- Commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS)
- Mortgage dollar rolls
- Cash and cash equivalents

\*Holdings as of December 31, 2025.

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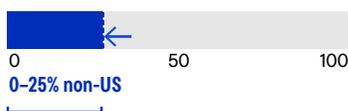
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## C Designed to deliver a core experience

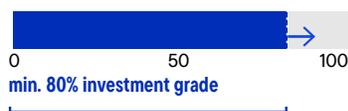
**Western Asset Management** is one of the world's leading global fixed income managers. Founded in 1971, the firm is known for team management and proprietary research, supported by robust risk management and a long-term fundamental value approach.

**AVG. EFFECTIVE DURATION**  
4.3–7.9 years, +/-30% of the Index

### REGIONAL ALLOCATION



### CREDIT QUALITY



### CURRENCY ALLOCATION



Not FDIC Insured | No Bank Guarantee | May Lose Value

# Western Asset Management

## Founded in 1971

With over 50 years of experience, Western Asset brings decades of experience to fixed income portfolio management, with \$222.2 billion in assets under management as of December 31, 2025.

## A fixed income specialist

Western Asset specializes in managing fixed-income strategies, employing a proven investment philosophy and process to protect capital and drive long-term growth for clients.

## Globally integrated

Operates as a single team with an open, integrated investment platform bringing together the combined experience and fixed-income acumen of investment professionals throughout the world.

Also available as:  
**Mutual Fund**  
**Collective Investment Trust**  
**Variable Investment Trust**

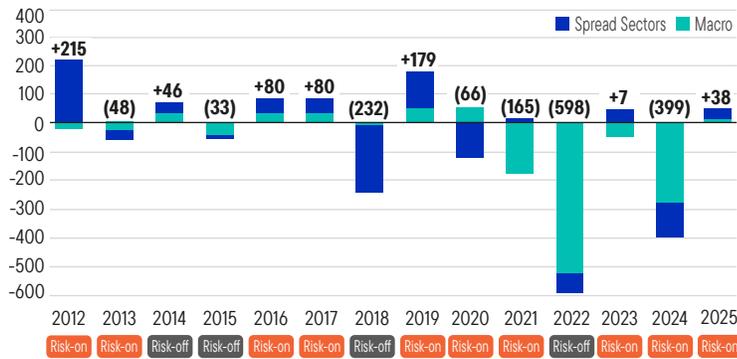


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## Key statistics

### Seek to add value through different market environments

Excess Return, bps



Statistics <sup>2</sup>	Trailing 10 Years	Pure Gross	Net	Benchmark	
Effective Duration	6.40 Yrs	Alpha	0.32	-1.16	N/A
Yield to Worst	5.09%	Beta	1.31	1.31	N/A
Weighted Average Life	11.01 Yrs	Sharpe Ratio	0.03	-0.19	-0.02
Cash Flow	4.85%	R-Squared	0.91	0.91	N/A

Annualized Rates of Return – PRELIMINARY as of December 31, 2025							
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	15-Year	20-Year	25-Year
Core Plus (Pure Gross)	9.29	4.88	-1.50	2.20	2.98	4.03	4.81
Core Plus (Net)	7.68	3.34	-2.96	0.69	1.46	2.50	3.26
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index (USD)	7.30	4.66	-0.36	2.01	2.42	3.25	3.77

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Credit Quality (%) <sup>2,3</sup>	
AAA	8.79
AA	62.66
A	15.50
BBB	14.15
Below BBB	8.83
Not Rated	4.39
Cash	-14.32

2. Portfolio statistics and credit quality are based on a representative account within the composite. Portfolio characteristics and sector weightings of individual client portfolios in the program may differ, sometimes significantly, from those shown above. This information does not constitute, and should not be construed as, investment advice or recommendations with respect to the sectors listed and should not be used as a sole basis to make any investment decisions.

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